

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 21, page 6 and ending on line 6, page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

In one subset of formula Ia are compounds wherein D is C(O)R⁴, and R⁴ is selected from (1) C₁₋₄alkyl substituted with one to 5 groups independently selected from halogen, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, NR^dRe, NR^dC(O)R^a, C(O)NR^dRe, C(O)OR^a, and OR^a; (2) C₃₋₆cycloalkyl; (3) phenyl; (4) phenyl-C₁₋₄alkyl; (5) optionally substituted heteroaryl; (6) optionally substituted heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl; (7) optionally substituted heterocyclyl; (8) optionally substituted heterocyclyl-C₁₋₄alkyl; and (9) COOR^a; wherein heteroaryl, including as part of heteroarylalkyl, is selected from benzofuranyl, pyrazolo[1.5-a]pyrimidinyl, 1-azaindolizinyl, s-triazolo[1.5-a]pyrimidinyl, thieno[3.2-b]pyridinyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyrimidinyl, benzisoxazolyl, pyridyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl and imidazo[2,a-b]thiazolyl; heterocyclyl, including as part of heterocyclylalkyl, is selected from morpholinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl and imidazolidinyl; the substituents for heteroaryl is 1 or 2 groups independently selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, heteroaryl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 halogen, aryl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 halogen, aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, CF₃, and OR^a; and the substituents for heterocyclyl is 1 to 3 groups independently selected from oxo and C₁₋₄alkyl. In a preferred subset R⁴ is C₁₋₄alkyl substituted with NR^dRe or C(O)NR^dRe in which R^d and Re together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, complete an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered saturated ring having 0 to 1 additional ring heteroatom selected from NRg, O, S and SO₂, and wherein said substituent is 1 or 2 groups independently selected from OR^a, halogen, C₁₋₄alkyl and oxo.

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 7, page 7 and ending on line 25, page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

In a second subset of formula Ia are compounds wherein D is C(O)NR^dR⁴, wherein R^d is H and R⁴ is selected from (1) C₁₋₄alkyl substituted with a group selected from halogen, OR^a, CO₂R^a, NHCOR^a, NR^dRe and C(O)NR^dRe; (2) optionally substituted heteroaryl-C₁₋₄alkyl wherein heteroaryl is selected from azaindolizinyl, imidazolyl, imidazolyl,

benzimidazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridyl, indolyl, triazolyl, thiazolyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidinyl, imidazo[2,1-b]thiazolyl, and pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridinylpyrimidinyl; (3) optionally substituted heterocyclyl-C₁-4alkyl wherein heterocyclyl is selected from tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl and 1,4-dioxanyl; (4) optionally substituted heterocyclyl selected from pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl; (5) CO₂R^a; (6) C₃-6cycloalkyl; and (7) optionally substituted phenyl-C₁-4alkyl; or wherein R^d and R⁴ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached complete an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered saturated ring having 0 to 1 additional ring heteroatom selected from NR_g, O, S and SO₂, wherein said ring is optionally fused to a benzene or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring, and said substituent is 1 or 2 groups independently selected from OR^a, halogen, C₁-4alkyl, NR^dRe, NR^dCO₂R^a, and oxo. In a preferred subset R^d is H and R⁴ is C₁-4alkyl substituted with NR^dRe or C(O)NR^dRe, wherein R^d and Re together complete (1) an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered saturated ring having 0 to 1 additional ring heteroatom selected from NR_g, O, S and SO₂, and wherein said substituent is 1 or 2 groups independently selected from OR^a, halogen, C₁-4alkyl and oxo; or (2) an optionally substituted 5-membered aromatic ring having 0 to 2 additional heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and wherein said ring is optionally benzofused and said substituent is 1 or 2 groups independently selected from OR^a, halogen and C₁-4alkyl.

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 26, page 7 and ending on line 32, page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

In a third subset of formula Ia are compounds wherein D is C(O)OR⁴, and R⁴ is selected from (1) C₂-4alkyl substituted with NR^dRe or C(O)NR^dRe in which (1) R^d and Re together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached complete an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered saturated ring having 0 to 1 additional ring heteroatom selected from NR, O, S and SO₂, and wherein said substituent is 1 or 2 groups independently selected from OR^a, halogen, C₁-4alkyl and oxo; (2) optionally substituted heterocyclylalkyl wherein heterocyclyl is selected from tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, oxazolidinyl and dioxolanyl; (3) furanyl-C₁-4alkyl; and (4) phenyl-C₁-4alkyl.